

REMARKS

The Amendment filed October 29, 2003 has been withdrawn and a Continuation-in-part Application Serial No. 09/951,603 has been reinstated.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 rejected under OA and claims 3, 8-10 objected to under the OA and claim 11 objected by OA are withdrawn and replaced by new claims. Claim 12 is based on Examiner's single independent claim U.S. Pat. 6,647,910.

New drawings Figs. 9-17 have been included to support claims. Please note drawing for Fig. 9 and 10 have been included with Fig. 11 on one sheet.

Please note OA is in error:

Royle Patent No. 6,647,910 and CIP Application Serial 10/695,706 discloses a marine hull comprising a hull with a bow comprising a plurality of adjacent channels adapted to mix air and water to reduce impact and suction between the hull and water.

Jamieson is limited to piping non-compressible fluid (liquid) from a high pressure zone to a lower pressure zone. This takes place below the waterline of a ship's hull. No reference to mixing fluids (gas/liquids) is specified or claimed in the Jamieson patent.

The relevant antecedents of the claims are referenced for the Examiner's convenience in the CIP application in brackets and do not form part of the application.

An application for a Terminal Disclaimer, Form PTO/SB/26 is included to prevent the CIP issuing with an expiry date later than the parent patent 6,647,910. I hereby file a Terminal Disclaimer and agree to give up the terminal period of the CIP issuing so that both patents will expire together thereby avoiding double patenting.

It is requested that the Examiner please correct or rewrite the claims if the claims are in error to cover as effectively as possible, the intellectual property detailed in the application.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

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